

RECOGNIZING THE BRAVERY OF
DARRYL TRAPPS

HON. JOHN KATKO

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 17, 2018

Mr. KATKO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Syracuse firefighter Darryl Trapps, who serves as an emergency responder at the Carrier Dome during Syracuse University basketball games. During the December 4th game against Northeastern University, Mr. Trapps performed CPR on a patron suffering from a medical emergency. The actions of Mr. Trapps and others in attendance saved the man's life.

Since 2004, Mr. Trapps has worked as an emergency responder at the Carrier Dome. Mr. Trapps diligently monitors athletic events for emergencies and, before December 4th, no serious incidents had occurred during his tenure. However, before the December 4th game, a patron went stiff in his seat and began suffering a cardiac event. Mr. Trapps recognized the severity of the situation and jumped into action.

Mr. Trapps arrived to the man's section and, upon discovering the man had no pulse, began performing chest compressions. Mr. Trapps was surrounded by concerned attendees but his emergency response skills and training allowed him to block out any sort of distraction. He administered chest compressions while a doctor performed rescue breathing, both of them trying to keep oxygen flowing to the patient's brain.

Emergency Medical Technicians arrived with a defibrillator shortly after Mr. Trapps began assisting the man. They administered two shocks to the man's chest with Mr. Trapps continuing chest compressions between the shocks. On the third shock, the man's pulse returned and he was taken to Upstate University Hospital for further treatment. Mr. Trapps had successfully saved the man's life but immediately returned to his duty.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues in the House to join me in honoring the courageous actions of Darryl Trapps. His composure during this chaotic situation was no easy task and his efforts saved the life of another individual. I applaud Mr. Trapps, as well as first responders around the country, whose daily actions save countless lives.

RECOGNIZING LAKE ROAD
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

HON. JASON SMITH

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. SMITH of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Lake Road Elementary School of Poplar Bluff, Missouri for being recognized as a National Blue Ribbon School in 2018, a distinction bestowed upon only 349 public and private schools across the country.

The National Blue Ribbon Schools Program recognizes public and private elementary, middle, and high schools based on their overall academic excellence or their progress in closing achievement gaps among student subgroups. This award affirms Lake Road Ele-

mentary School's hard work in creating an environment for educational attainment that is recognized as a symbol of exemplary teaching and learning.

Lake Road Elementary provides a model for success to all schools by creating a nurturing environment that promotes student development through problem solving and exploration. Principal Erica Weadon inspires a passionate and purposeful mindset that resonates throughout the entire organization, from the teachers, administrators, students, and parents. This accomplishment will pay dividends for years to come as Lake Road Elementary continues to grow and flourish.

On behalf of the Eighth Congressional District of Missouri, it is my great privilege to congratulate the entire Lake Road Elementary School community for this remarkable achievement.

IN RECOGNITION OF WALTER R.
BROOKS, JR.

HON. WILLIAM R. KEATING

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. KEATING. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the life of Walter R. Brooks, Jr., founder of Cape Cod Today, who passed away at the age of eighty-seven.

Mr. Brooks has been a pillar of the community, serving as a voice for Cape Cod. Born in 1930 to Walter Rollin Brooks, Sr. and Evelyn Mae Brooks, he was raised as an only child in Woodbury, Connecticut. At an early age, he knew he wanted to follow in his father's footsteps and pursue a career in journalism. Following his graduation from the University of Connecticut, Mr. Brooks went on to serve as a publisher, managing editor, promotion and marketing director for the Village Voice, the New York Post, the Greenwich CT Times, the Naugatuck Daily News, the Amherst MA Journal-Record, the Enfield CT Press, the Cape Codder, and MPG Communications.

In 1959, Mr. Brooks spent a summer in Provincetown, where he met and married the love of his life, Patricia. Their love of Cape Cod would lead them to settle in Harwich in 1965, where they raised their two sons, Todd and Jay. After moving, Walter and Patricia, who were devoted to improving the accessibility of news outlets, launched a Cape Cod tourism publication entitled Best Read Guides. In 1998, his passion for his community led him to establish, Cape Cod Today. One of the nation's first online-only local news websites, Cape Cod Today has been an integral part of the Commonwealth.

Mr. Brooks has always put the people of Cape Cod first, constantly trying to figure out how to better his home. He has stepped up at every point to improve our schools and our community by using his newspaper to hold institutions and individuals accountable to the people.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to honor the life of Walter R. Brooks, Jr. for his dedication to bettering our community. I ask that my colleagues join me in recognizing his commitment to journalism and the people of Cape Cod.

RECOGNIZING THE SERVICE OF
TOM TORLAKSON

HON. MARK DeSAULNIER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 17, 2018

Mr. DESAULNIER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today with Congressman MIKE THOMPSON to recognize Tom Torlakson for his dedicated and passionate service to our community.

A recipient of the Merchant Marine Service Medal, Tom began his life-long commitment to service as a fireman in assignments such as Guam, Vietnam, and Thailand. After his service, Tom attended the University of California Berkeley, where he earned a Bachelor of Arts in History, a Life Secondary Teaching Credential, and a Master of Arts in Education.

Tom has served as a teacher for the Mount Diablo Unified School District, a councilman for the City of Antioch, a county supervisor for Contra Costa County, and as a legislator in both the California State Senate and State Assembly. During his tenure in the California State Legislature, Tom fought to increase funding for education, implement school nutrition programs and physical education, and improve school safety. He also led the charge for making the California public school system more inclusive by eliminating the achievement gap, reducing the dropout rate, and funding afterschool programs.

As the State Superintendent of Public Instruction, Tom brought his experience and drive to the California Department of Education where he continued his vow to improve our state's public education system. During his two terms, Tom set new standards for testing student achievement, expanded programs that meet the needs of children outside of the regular school day, and oversaw a record high school graduation rate. Tom is also the chair and founder of the California Task Force on Youth and Workplace Wellness, where he has continued to promote healthier meals and physical activity for students.

Tom Torlakson has left a positive impact on the California public school system and its students, and the community at large. While his leadership and enthusiasm will be dearly missed in his official capacity, he will surely continue to contribute to California. I join with Congressman MIKE THOMPSON in thanking Tom for his service to our County, our state, and our students, and wish him the best in his retirement.

HONORING ROBERT E. MOORE

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 17, 2018

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Mr. Robert E. Moore, a pillar in the Mississippi Delta.

In the year of 1945, Robert was born on the 21st day of April. Raised in Greenwood, Mississippi, Robert received his undergraduate degree from Jackson State University and a graduate degree from the University of Southern Mississippi.

Moore was a United States Marine Corps Veteran. He served in Vietnam and was a Purple Heart Recipient.